



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

MEMORANDUM

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TO: James Nunnley, Chief, Fiscal Division

THRU: Ryan Benefield, Chief, HWD
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FROM: Melanie Foster, E&IB Manager, HWD

SUBJECT: Cedar Chemical Discharge Line Leak

During a discharge in April, ADEQ was notified that there was a leak in the discharge line that runs from Cedar Chemical's wastewater treatment ponds to the Mississippi River. The City of Helena had identified the leak approximately one mile from the Mississippi River outfall near the railroad tracks. The Hazardous Waste Division contacted a local plumbing company to give an estimate for repairing the discharge line. Unfortunately, without unearthing the line, there is no way to tell how deep the pipe is, what type of pipe it is, or the extent of repairs that will be required to fix it. Graham Plumbing Co. has given ADEQ an estimate for excavating the line to determine what the costs associated with repairing the line would be. After excavation, Graham Plumbing Co. will give ADEQ an estimate for repair of the discharge line and another purchase requisition will be drafted. It is imperative that ADEQ act as quickly as possible to secure repairs of this discharge line to prevent further releases during discharge events. If you have any questions, please let me know.

cc: Steve Drown, Chief, Water Division